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USSR: On the basis of weather conditions in recent months, it appears unlikely that the USSR will repeat last year's record wheat harvest.

From September to March precipitation in most of the principal regions producing spring wheat--usually 55 to 60 percent of total wheat production--was normal or subnormal. Soviet publications have discussed at length the need to apply moisture-conserving techniques. The soil condition as of mid-April was comparable to that of 1965, a poor year for spring wheat. Good rains during the spring and summer would improve the outlook for the harvest, however.

Prospects for winter wheat continue to be relatively favorable, although not as good as last year's. Precipitation over the past six months, while below the 1966 levels, was well above normal in most of the major winter wheat regions. [redacted]

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Indonesia - Communist China: Sino-Indonesian relations have deteriorated sharply, but a break in diplomatic ties is not likely.

Yesterday, Indonesia expelled the Chinese Communist chargé and the consul general in Djakarta. Indonesia explained that the Chinese Embassy had organized an unauthorized demonstration in Djakarta on 20 April. The demonstration was staged to protest the death of a Chinese undergoing police interrogation. Within hours, China retaliated by ordering the Indonesian chargé and counselor from Peking.

The Djakarta incident followed a series of Chinese demonstrations in East Java protesting anti-Chinese economic restrictions imposed by local authorities. At least one Chinese is reported to have been killed in incidents there.

Indonesian officials have told US Embassy officers that their government has ample evidence to justify a break in relations with Peking, but feels that a rupture would only create new problems. Sino-Indonesian relations have been unfriendly since the army's reaction to the abortive coup of October 1965 brought a reversal of Indonesia's pro-Peking policy. A year ago repeated Indonesian demonstrations against Chinese diplomatic and consular establishments resulted in the closing of three Chinese consulates and a sharp reduction of diplomatic representation.

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